



Our Parish Vision Statement

St Brigid's will be a community that actively lives the Good News of Christ. We strive to be Christ centred, welcoming to all and to encourage everyone to grow spiritually.

Plenary Council Phase Two

The sixth theme that emerged from the consultation is **OPEN TO CONVERSION, RENEWAL AND REFORM.**

This paper begins by recognising that "renewal demands a cultural change: from power to service, from dominion to communion;" and names "clericalism as a major obstacle to renewed Christian culture." The pastoral reality is that one of the most significant obstacles the Church faces is a loss of trust both within and towards the Church.

CHALLENGES

In the first phase of the Plenary process "*suggestions were numerous, diverse and often conflicting.*"

In particular the issues of the role of women, the rites of reconciliation, and eligibility for marriage and ordination tend to polarise Catholics. The other pastoral reality is that "almost all Australian parishes... face increasing challenges in terms of financial sustainability; demography; availability of ordained and other ministerial personnel, adequate administrative support and strategic planning for mission." The consultation process highlighted other challenges: the retention and support of young people in the life of the Church; the urgent need to work for an 'integral ecology'; the need to build stronger connections with First People Catholics; and to foster respectful openness to people of diverse sexual orientation.

PROPOSALS

The first set of proposals is in regard to *church governance and leadership* and address issues such as mandating the full range of consultative bodies, with maximum participation of laity and equitable participation of women. One proposal calls for an independent administrative process of appeals within decision-making.

Regarding the *ministry for mission* the proposals focus on local churches establishing prayerful processes for ongoing reflection to identify their particular mission. The paper calls for a decade of vocational discernment to respond to the calls for broadening the eligibility for ordination.

Finally, the paper addresses *becoming the Catholic Church with an Australian face*. It calls for communication to the people of Australia the Church's commitment to safety, healing and accountability in the light of the Royal Commission's recommendations. Other proposals include: that all Church agencies "enact an integral ecology approach as articulated in *Laudato Si'*"; that a national committee be established to implement the proposals from the NATSICC submission; and that there is a renewed effort to implement the 1999 report "Woman and Man: One in Christ Jesus".

This is a very brief summary of many recommendations and reflections on the challenges identified. To read the full document please contact Fr Greg for a hard copy or go online to the ACBC website.

Comment:

These draft papers sought to address the myriad suggestions and submissions received in the first phase of consultation. Many of the proposals in the six papers were not specific, perhaps necessarily so. Many will not satisfy the desires and heartfelt yearnings of many within the Church. The Plenary Council will have a huge task to respond with practical steps towards renewing the Church in Australia. Let us continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



Plenary Council 2020
'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...' REV 2:7

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We acknowledge the original owners of this land and pay respects to the elders past and present and all deceased members of the Wiradjuri people.

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

First Reading

A reading from the prophet of Ezekiel 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth.

In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11

In your minds be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks

of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names

so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father

The word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings for next week: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 4:69 Matthew 21:33-43

This Week Day by Day

With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions we will now be able to offer an opportunity to celebrate mass. 100 people may attend any mass at St Brigid's and 59 at St Laurence's churches

Live Streaming 9.00am Mass
<https://www.stbrigidsdubbo.com>

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For this coming week Masses will be:

Monday 28th September

7.00am Mass - St Brigid's
 12.00pm Mass - St Laurence's

Tuesday 29th September

Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael
 12.00pm Mass - St Laurence's
 5.45pm Mass - St Brigid's

Wednesday 30th September

St. Jerome
 9.30am Mass - St Laurence's

Thursday 1st October

St Therese of the Child Jesus
No Anointing Masses during October
 12.00pm Mass - St Laurence's
 5.45pm Mass - St Brigid's

Friday 2nd October

7.00am Mass - St Brigid's
 12.00pm Mass - St Laurence's

Saturday 3rd October

9.30am Mass - St Brigid's
 6.00pm Mass - St Brigid's

Sunday 4th October

7.30am Mass - St Laurence's
 9.00am Mass - St Brigid's
 6.00pm Mass - St Brigid's

Reconciliation

9.00am - 9.30am Saturday - St Brigid's
 4.00pm - 4.30pm Saturday - St Brigid's

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

9.30am Mass - St Brigid's
 6.00pm Mass - St Brigid's

SUNDAY

7.30am Mass - St Laurence's
 9.00am Mass - St Brigid's
 6.00pm Mass - St Brigid's

HOME ROSARY

Monday 14th September to Friday 18th September,
 at the home of **Carol Christian,**
45 Keswick Parkway, West Dubbo,
 commencing at 5.30pm

All are most welcome.
 If you would like to be included on the roster contact
 Audrey O'Brien 0419 123 274.

COVID Regulations Regarding Communion

Due to the current pandemic we cannot administer communion on the tongue or by intinction.

This may be a big change for some people but we ask that everyone abides by this directive.

Ministers of Communion will remind people kindly that we cannot give communion on the tongue at the moment.

WELCOME & BLESSING

Please join us in welcoming and praying for the following infant and her family during this time of preparation for Baptism.

PRAYER FOR FAMILY

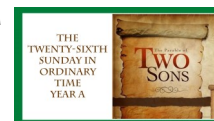
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Lord Jesus, We pray that this family may always know the power of your presence in their lives. As they bring their child to be baptised into this community may they experience a sense of belonging and know of our prayers and support, so that together we may all help to make you present in our world. **Amen.**



REFLECTION 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

'No, no, no, no ... Y-yes!'



Jesus tells a little story about two brothers. One said 'Yes', but never did anything. The other said 'No', but then had a change of heart and did what was required. Jesus loved the brother who came around. He was very hard on the one who said 'Yes' but did not 'walk the talk'.

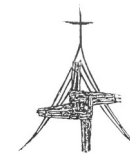
That is why he loved those tax collectors who gathered the revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who serviced the Roman occupying army, but who switched allegiance from the Empire of Caesar to the Kingdom of God. This signalled a profound change of heart.

We may have said 'No' to God at various times with various intensity in our lives. But God is wonderfully patient and prepared to hear 'No' many times in the hope of hearing 'Yes'. God's patience never runs out. But our time to say 'Yes' does run out. We only have a relatively short life span!

At the end of Mass, I will say 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.' As St Francis of Assisi put it, 'Preach the Gospel, and occasionally use words.' Walk the talk.

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Parish Mass Times



*St Brigid's — Saturday and Sunday evening
 Masses will now be at 6pm*

*Mass at St Laurence's
 will revert back to 7.30am Sunday only
 There will be no extra masses
 at St Laurence's.*

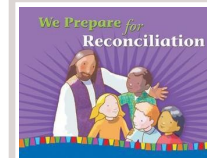


UPCOMING PARISH APPEALS

Father Greg has decided that it is too much to ask Parishioners to give to the last weeks announced appeals, so the Parish will give an amount similar to last year



However, the *Catholic Mission* appeal will be held on the weekend of 18th October.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR YEAR 2 STUDENTS

**ENROLMENTS WILL CLOSE
 ON WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER**

**If you haven't received an email from
 Rosalie (Sacramental Co-Ordinator)**

**Please phone or email the Parish Office on
 office.dubbo@cdob.org.au phone 6882 4233
 Or**

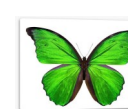
Rosalie's email: sacramentsdubbo@cdob.org.au

NATIONAL POLICE REMEMBRANCE DAY

A National Police Remembrance Day service will be held at St Brigid's Church, Brisbane Street, Dubbo on Tuesday 29th September 2020 commencing at 11.30am.
 Police Chaplain: Michelle Watterson—Holy Trinity Church



CHURCH GARDEN SPRING CLEAN
 Will be held on Saturday 17th October commencing at 8am
 Please come and bring your own gloves and gardening tools.



MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY 2020

"If any of your kin fall into difficulty and become dependent on you, you shall support them; they shall live with you as though resident aliens"

Leviticus 25:35

Please pray for all Migrants & Refugees

AS A PARISH WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS FOR: RECENTLY BAPTISED

Fletcher Michael **KEMPSTON**



RECENTLY MARRIED

Jamie Lobb and Rebekah Mann

ANNIVERSARIES

Judy Prentice, Jack Crimmins,
 Jack Cleary, Dolly Cleary



Masses to be offered for:

John Pollock (Mt Gambier S.A.) Gwen Davy, Special Intention, Matt Main, Martin Pahlow, Deceased relatives of Arnould, Barrett, Nguyen & Pham families, Zita Tipping, Judy Fallon, Luciana Family, Modesto C Alviola, Wendy Baker, Karen Van Denhoven, Terry & Jim Fahy, Francesco & Bibiana Lappa, Arturo & Angela Marinucci, Ida Mathes, Tim Meehan, Ray Meehan, Maureen Nolan, Bill O'Neill, Judy Prentice, Tom & Joan Slattery, Greg Tratt, Lappa family, Dec'd members of McMillan, Munro & Olsen families, Madden, Duggan & Honeysett families, Dec'd members of the Marinucci family.

Those who are sick:

Annie, Moya Armstrong, Philippa Beguin, Sr Jeannette Bubb, Kath Bourke (Cain), Joan Cowley, Molly Croft, Bernard Davis, John Deane, Michael Deane, Vivien Deane, Marcia Fahy, Josh Farr, Marlene Galea, Dean Hallford, Denise Hills, Bernice King (Fr Carl Mackander's sister), Pat Nitschki, Annette Page (Orange), Lisa Peaker, Dave Redfern, Tania Rovere, Michael Simmons, Brendan Stanford, Nathan Stanmore.

Lord, may your peace come upon people across our world who are struggling in our present crisis. May the hope of resurrection sustain and comfort us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.